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TRANSMITTAL FOR CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/990,033, filed on November 21, 2001, of T. Wade Fallin, Daniel E. Gerbec, and Gordon Baker for SUTURE ANCHOR, (hereinafter "the Parent Application").

A. Enclosed Application Elements and Accompanying Parts

A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising thirty-one (31) pages.

Twenty-nine (29) sheets of drawings.

A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney as originally filed in the Parent Application and currently in effect.

Entitlement to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status is enclosed.

— A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status was filed in the Parent Application and such status is still proper and desired.

— The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27

A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date for the enclosed application by use of Express Mail Label No. EV 319 223 365 US.

— A Preliminary Amendment.

— An Associate Power of Attorney.

B. Instructions and Averments

Priority to United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/990,033 filed on November 21, 2001 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

— Priority to _____ (country) Application Serial No. _____ filed on _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

— A certified copy of the above priority application is filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

The Parent Application is assigned of record to Stryker Endoscopy. A copy of the assignment which has been submitted for recordation is enclosed.

C. Payments

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

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FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	Fee
BASIC FEE				\$375
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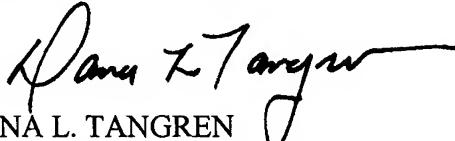
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Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 31st day of July 2003.

Respectfully submitted,


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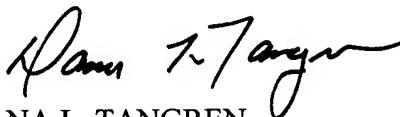
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- Patent Application in the names of T. Wade Fallin, Daniel E. Gerbec, and Gordon Baker for SUTURE ANCHOR (31 pages)
- Drawings (29 sheets)
- Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and Petition (5 pages)
- Copy of assignment (2 pages)
- Transmittal Letter (3 pages)
- Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$750.00
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